AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 6, third paragraph, to read as follows:

To achieve the above and other objects, there is provided an apparatus for encoding TFCI(Transport Format Combination Indicator) bits depending on an information bit ratio of a first channel to a second channel in a CDMA mobile communication system, comprising: a first encoder for encoding a first TFCI bits representing a transport format combination of the first channel to generate first encoded symbols, and puncturing the first encoded symbols according to a predetermined first puncturing positions; a second encoder for encoding a second TFCI bits representing ~~bitsrepresenting~~ a transport format combination of the second channel to generate second encoded symbols, and puncturing the second encoded symbols according to a predetermined second puncturing positions; and a multiplexer for multiplexing the output symbols of the first and second encoders to transmit the symbols on the second channel.

Please amend page 6, fourth paragraph, to read as follows:

To achieve the above and other objects, there is provided a method for transmitting TFCI(Transport Format Combination Indicator) bits in a CDMA mobile communication system including a UE and a Node B for transmitting packet data to the UE over a first channel, first and second encoded TFCI bits over a second channel established to transmit control ~~transmitcontrol~~ data for the first channel, comprising the steps of: encoding a first TFCI bits representing a transport format combination of the first channel to generate first encoded symbols and a second TFCI bits representing a transport format combination of the second channel to generate second encoded symbols respectively; and puncturing the first encoded symbols and the second encoded symbols according to first and second puncturing positions to generate the first encoded TFCI bits

and the second encoded TFCI bits; multiplexing the first encoded TFCI bits and the second encoded TFCI bits; and transmitting the multiplexed encoded TFCI bits over the second channel.